

SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 20, 2014 Meeting

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD

Present: Trustees: Polly Rice, Marianne O'Neil, David Blume, Chris Morkan, Sara Mogck, Diane Madigan, Anne Erickson and Lisa Karim, Director, Lisa Heavner, BOS Liaison and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary. (Trustees absent: Gail Ryan and Charmaine Glew)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Mrs. O'Neil, Chair. Mr. Blume moved the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting be approved as presented. Second: Mrs. Rice. The minutes were approved. There was no public audience.

Communications: Mrs. O'Neil noted that Trustee Charmaine Glew has been awarded the Trustee of the Year Award from the Association of CT Library Boards and it will be awarded on Friday, October 24 at their Leadership Conference.

Compliments have been received on the recent Touch-a-Truck event.

Elizabeth Burt, Chair of the Simsbury Beautification Committee has requested, on behalf of the volunteer(s) who maintain the plantings around the sign on Hopmeadow Street, that the mulch be removed and replaced with grass. It was noted that since the sign is on a CT state highway there are regulations that must be followed. Mrs. O'Neil will contact Ms. Burt with the Board's suggestions.

A request sent to Mark Rustic of the Town's maintenance department regarding the need for more stones around the Memorial Garden will be forwarded to Friends for their consideration.

An article in the Hartford Courant on the recent addition of Sara Ray as the new teen librarian was shared. Ms. Ray was introduced to the Board and she shared her ideas and vision of her work with teens.

Reports: Friends: In the absence of Mr. Boissard, Mrs. Rice reported that new staff members Joanne Moody and Sara Ray were introduced at the recent Friends meeting. Author Katrina Kenison will speak at the Fall Author Luncheon on October 23rd. A decision on a request for additional funding for flowers has not been reached.

Chair's Report: None

Director's Report: Ms. Karim reviewed the meeting she recently attended, with Jenna Mayotte, with the CT Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) on the advancement of technology – part of the town's technical planning initiative. The flyer and description of a program made possible by a recent \$500 grant was distributed. Shelley Spoering of the Children's Department organized the program. Ms. Karim also noted that the website is not ready at this time.

Budget: The monthly expenditure status report was reviewed and Ms. Karim went over and answered questions on different line items.

Innovator's Workshop: The Simsbury Innovation Fair will be held on April 25, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. and will have events throughout town.

Susan Ray and Sara Ray will be participating in a technology workshop at Simsbury High School with school staff in November.

Material Challenge: The request by a resident to have a book he considered offensive removed from the Library's collection was discussed. The Board was in agreement with Ms. Karim's explanation for keeping the book in the collection and duly noted.

At 7:55 P.M. Mr. Blume moved for adjournment. Second: Mrs. Erickson. The meeting was adjourned.

Diane Madigan, Secretary